

General Policies

1. All items entered in the quilt show (except traveling exhibits) must be owned by the guild member and must not be framed with wood, metal, or any other material that makes the item rigid.
2. Members are NOT limited in the number of entries they can have in the show; however, entries must be prioritized as 1-6 with 1 being top priority. All entries past 5 should be listed as priority 6. In the event of limited space for hanging, lower priority items may be eliminated. Every effort will be made to make sure that everyone who enters a quilt is able to have at least one hanging in the show.
3. Categories will not be collapsed due to insufficient entries except for solo and ensemble classifications; however, the judge may elect not to award a ribbon if the quality does not meet standards. Large categories may be split according to size.
4. Judged entries will be limited to no more than 180 and assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. When that number is reached, all other entries are for display only. Members are encouraged to select their best effort for judging and to register early.
5. Entry numbers within categories will be assigned by display gym – i.e. all categories in East Gym numbered 1001+; all in West Gym numbered 101+.
6. In Newsletter and Meetings and on the web, members will be apprised of target number of entries and where we stand with that goal.
7. Any quilts created in an organized guild activity such as challenges, round robin, or mystery will be registered and hung together in the show for display only. If the member wishes, they may be put in the show for judging the next year in the appropriate category.
8. Kit quilts (see definition below) must be identified on the registration form and then placed in the appropriate category. They may be eligible for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or honorable mention ribbons but are not eligible for Best of Show. The judge will be told of the kit identification prior to awarding any Best of Show or Judge's Choice ribbons.
9. Any item not constructed or completed by a member such as Vintage/Antique quilts or raffle quilts will be for Display Only.
10. Items entered 'For Display Only' will be identified as such on the hang tag.
11. Items registered as being hand quilted will be identified with a gold medallion on the hang tag.
12. If a member chooses not to have an entry judged that otherwise could have been judged, that entry will not be eligible for judging in a later year. However, if the guild or committee chooses to remove certain groups from judging or if the judging limit is already met, the participant may choose to enter the entry for judging in a subsequent year.

Definitions

Bed Quilt: Any quilt including lap quilts or throws intended for use as cover, warmth, or comfort and usually viewed in a horizontal plane.

Wall Quilt: Any quilt intended for home décor and usually viewed in a vertical plane.

Kit Quilt: Any quilt made from a complete commercial kit or made with commercial block-of-the-month pattern packets in which fabrics were supplied to the quilt maker. Guild BOM quilts are considered to be kit quilts if blocks were made by several people.

Miniature: A scaled down version of a larger quilt. All elements (blocks, borders, sashing, etc.) should be reduced in size to a proportion that matches the size of the quilt. Pieced blocks should be no more than 4 inches on a side and no side of the miniature can be more than 24".

Solo: Quilts or items made entirely by one person including fabric selection, top construction, and quilting

Ensemble: Quilts or items made by two or more people including fabric selection, top construction and quilting

Youth Quilt: Quilt construction mentored by a member but constructed primarily by a youth 18 years old or younger.

Ribbons Awarded by the Professional Judge

- Best of Show Bed (Additional Ribbon for Quilter if Applicable and presented at the guild meeting)
- Best of Show Wall (Additional Ribbon for Quilter if Applicable and presented at the guild meeting)
- Golden Needle award for Hand Quilting
- Judge's Choice
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons in each category
- May award up to 10 honorable mention ribbons

Categories

Within a category if there are 4 or less in either solo or ensemble, those two subdivisions may be combined. If category divisions are necessary because of larger numbers of entries, categories may be divided by perimeter size.

I. Bed Quilt

A. Pieced – more than 50% of the top constructed of pieced elements

1. Solo
2. Ensemble

B. Appliqued – more than 50% of the top appliqued

1. Solo
2. Ensemble

C. Mixed/Other – embroidery or other technique is the primary focus of the quilt

1. Solo
2. Ensemble

II. Wall Quilt

A. Art Quilt – Original Design – not made from a pattern and must be made entirely by one person

B. Miniature – See definition

C. Pieced - more than 50% of the top constructed of pieced elements

1. Solo
2. Ensemble

D. Appliqued – more than 50% of the top appliqued

1. Solo
2. Ensemble

E. Mixed/Other– embroidery or other technique is the primary focus of the quilt

1. Solo
2. Ensemble

III. Other Special Categories

A. Modern – Characterized by bold colors and prints, high contrast, graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work.

B. Paper Pieced – Large wall or bed quilts primarily constructed using paper pieced techniques (Judy Niemeyer and other similar designers).

C. Children's Theme – Quilts made with babies or children in mind. Includes all construction techniques. Eligible for Best of Show

D. Wearable – Clothing, hats, bags – any type of garment or fashion accessory – must have some hand or machine quilting.

E. Quilted Home Accessories – Pillows, place mats, table runners, other home accessories – must have some hand or machine quilting.

The professional judge does not judge the following two special categories although entries in these categories are eligible for Viewer's Choice ribbons.

F. Quilts by the Sea – Coastal themed quilts that will be hung together and judged by the Quilt Show Chairs. Not eligible for Best of Show.

G. Youth Quilt – Quilts of any size mentored by a member but constructed primarily by youth 18 years old or younger. Placement ribbons awarded by a panel of members.